

IN HONOR OF LAUREN O'CONNOR

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Lauren O'Connor who is driving across America to raise awareness and \$100,000 for Great Danes and animal rescues. Each year, millions of animals, mostly cats and dogs, are euthanized due to overpopulation and the lack of people willing to adopt them, at the same time that many animals are bred for the sole purpose of being bought and sold at pet stores.

Lauren, originally from Texas, went to college in West Virginia. She graduated with a degree in Public Relations. It was there that she met her Great Dane, Harley. Now 6, Harley is her traveling companion on this cross country journey.

Beginning on March 1st in New Jersey, Lauren, who resigned from her job at a Fortune 10 company in order to pursue her commitment to rescue dogs, will visit over 56 cities in her travels across the country, organizing events and benefits to raise money and educate people about Great Danes and rescue dogs. All of the proceeds that are raised will be donated to rescues and shelters around the country.

She is able to take on this worthy cause because of the kindness or her family and friends. In addition, complete strangers have been able to follow Lauren on her adventures through her Web site and her Twitter account.

Madam Speaker, Lauren O'Connor is venturing on an experience of a lifetime. Her trip across the country to raise awareness and money for rescue dogs is inspiring to us all and I would like to commend Lauren on her commitment to this very worthy cause.

IN TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P. MURTHA OF PENNSYLVANIA

SPEECH OF

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to say goodbye to a friend.

New York City, and the rest of the world, lost a friend when Jack Murtha died.

Jack Murtha served his country in every possible way.

He served it in Vietnam as a Marine; he served in western Pennsylvania as a son, husband and father; and he served it for over 40 years in Harrisburg and in Washington, as a legislator's legislator.

He won respect for the honest, plainspoken, compassionate way he played all of these roles.

But to me, he played those roles like a brother.

He spoke often of the strong women in his family being essential to his success in life.

His great-grandmother, he once recalled, told him at age 6, "You're put on this Earth to make a difference."

Boy, did he ever.

He volunteered as a Marine, first in the 1950s during the Korean war.

He re-enlisted at age 34 and served in Vietnam—earning the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, and the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry.

He became the first Vietnam veteran to be elected to Congress, in a February 1974 special election, starting a legendary Washington career as a member of the Appropriations Committee.

When I came to this chamber for the first time, the "Pennsylvania Corner" was in full flower. We grew close and even though we didn't agree on everything, we worked together often—on issues ranging from breast cancer research funding to the Intrepid Museum on the Hudson.

When he decided that the Iraq war was unwinnable in 2005, he earned his stripes all over again, providing leadership on this crucial issue. He visited my district, and so many others, explaining how he came to his decision.

Madam Speaker, as a Congressman, Jack Murtha won respect in these halls and on this floor . . . but as a man, he earned our love. We will miss him.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife Joyce, and the entire Murtha family.

RECOGNIZING DAVE ANDERSON

HON. ERIK PAULSEN

OF MINNESOTA

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Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, this past August, Dave Anderson of Minnetonka was selected into the Multiple Sclerosis Society Volunteer Hall of Fame for Programs and Services. He has been serving as vice president of MSWorld, an organization whose goal is to be a national source of support and information for those living with MS. In addition, Dave founded the Brainerd Lakes Chapter of "Fishing Has No Boundaries," which provides people with MS a weekend of fishing and socializing. I would like to recognize Dave Anderson for his commitment to improving communication between those in the MS community, as well as for integrating social networking into the lives of people with multiple sclerosis.

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor former Mann County counsel Douglas Maloney who passed away on February 17, 2010 at his home in San Rafael, California. Serving on the legal frontlines of county government for more than three decades, Marin has greatly benefited from his unwavering dedication and skilled advocacy of the public's best interest.

Born in San Francisco in 1933, Mr. Maloney, a 50-year member of the California Bar Association, received his bachelor's degree from the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo, California, and his law degree from

the University of San Francisco. A world traveler, voracious reader, exceptional public speaker, and a prolific writer, Doug Maloney loved life!

It was Doug Maloney who led the county's legal defense of the "Marin-only" provision in Ross philanthropist Beryl Buck's multi-million-dollar bequest. Maloney took on the San Francisco Foundation's challenge to spend the millions on needs beyond the county borders. With an outstanding legal team, he presented strong arguments upholding the Buck bequest and proving that, despite Marin's affluence, there were plenty of needs right in the county that could use financial assistance. The 1986 court-approved settlement transferred the Buck Trust to newly formed Marin Community Foundation to focus funds on research into aging, advocacy against alcohol abuse and research into educational issues. Had that battle been lost, Marin would be a far different place.

The legal engineer of land-use restrictions that saved West Marin from suburban sprawl, Maloney successfully defended the county's 1972 zoning restrictions designed to preserve and protect West Marin farmland and the ranching lifestyle. Challenged in 1989, Maloney won a federal court decision upholding the zoning restrictions and turning back a lawsuit by a Chicago landowner wanting to carve up his 561-acre Nicasio ranch. While we may take our open space and ranch lands for granted, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the vision, political courage and legal skill of Douglas Maloney.

A man of great personal integrity and not one to back away from a rousing legal argument, Doug was good humored and a passionate follower of film and stage. He enjoyed rewriting fashionable Broadway shows and stage musicals, putting on a Marin spin and political satire to benefit local causes, complete with titles like, "As the Candidate Turns," "Damn Yuppies" and "Caucus Line." A popular op-ed columnist for the Marin Independent Journal, readers enjoyed his musings and appreciated his skill at weaving literature, history, politics, opinion and the proverbial Marin angle into his biweekly essays.

Doug Maloney was a devoted husband and father. In addition to his sister, Marion Berger of Redding, California, Mr. Maloney is survived by his wife of twenty-two years, Ellen Caulfield of San Rafael, Marin County, six children, ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, Douglas Maloney will be missed by so many who shared in his work and vision. A man of letters and the law, he practiced what he preached. It is fitting to recognize his extraordinary efforts on behalf of Marin County and its residents. I join the many people who will miss Doug Maloney's inspiration, friendship, bright spirit, and clever quotes delivered with perfect timing and meaning.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

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Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer an explanation of the three votes I missed yesterday. March 2, 2010 marked not only Texas Independence Day, but also the 2010 Texas primary, and I